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Interstate Access Support - IAS

Initial Certification Filing

This is to certify pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 809 that Nextel Partners Inc. will use any *Universal Service Interstate Access Support* received in 2003 only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.

1 am authorized to niake this certification on behalf of Nextel Partners Inc. This certification is for the following study areas:

COMPANY NAME	STATE	STUDY AREA CODE
ITS-Iowa Telecom – NO	Iowa	351167
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